

## **DECLARATIONS OF INTENTION**

Derek, do you give yourself to Scott in marriage?

***I do.***

Will you love him, respect him and be for ever faithful to him?

***I will.***

Scott do you give yourself to Derek in marriage?

***I do.***

Will you love him, respect him and be for ever faithful to him?

***I will.***

*To the families*

Will you, the families of Derek and Scott uphold and care for them in their life together?

***We will***

*To the congregation*

Will all of you support and encourage Derek and Scott in their marriage?

***We will***

May God, who gave you the will to declare these intentions, give you also the grace to fulfil them.

***Amen***

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**Read by Judith Drake**

**Ecclesiastes 4.9-12**

Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up the other; but woe to one who is alone and falls and does not have another to help. Again, if two lie together they keep; but how can one keep warm alone? And though one might prevail against another, two will withstand one. A threefold cord is not quickly broken.

Here ends the reading.

God of peace and of unity, you have made us for one another and for you. As you draw us closer together in love, so make us more truly ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord

***Amen***

## **THE PROMISES**

*Derek and Scott face each other.  
One of them takes the other's right hand and says*

Before God and our friends,  
I Derek, give myself to you, Scott.  
in loving and lifelong marriage.  
I promise to be with you,  
in sorrow and in joy,  
in need and in plenty,  
in frailty and in strength.  
God keep me always true to this promise.

*They loose hands.  
The other takes the first's right hand and says*

Before God and our friends,  
I Scott, give myself to you, Derek.  
in loving and lifelong marriage.  
I promise to be with you,  
in sorrow and in joy,  
in need and in plenty,  
in frailty and in strength.  
God keep me always true to this promise.

## **THE GIVING AND RECEIVING OF RINGS**

Heavenly Father, by your blessing  
let these rings be to Derek and Scott,  
a symbol of unending love and faithfulness,  
to remind them of the vow and covenant  
which they have made this day  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

***Amen***

*Derek and Scott. face each other.  
One of them places a ring on the other's finger, saying*

Scott, I give you this ring  
as I give you myself,  
all that I have,  
and all that I am.

Derek, I give you this ring  
as I give you myself,  
all that I have,  
and all that I am.

## PROCLAMATION

***We have witnessed the promises of Derek and Scott  
As they pledged to each other in love,  
so we promise, in hope,  
to be a living sign of love in the world.***

Derek and Scott, now that you have made these promises before God and before those gathered here, I declare that you are joined in marriage.  
The peace of the Lord be with you.

## THE PEACE

We meet in Christ's name.  
***Let us share in his peace***  
*All may exchange sign of peace.*

## THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND BLESSING

Give thanks to our gracious God:  
***whose mercy endures for ever.***

God, holy and constant, the First, the Last, the Living One:  
***To you we give worship and praise.***

In your love you formed Derek and Scott, a gracious gift to their families:  
***we offer them now to your care.***

In the journey that is each of our lives you have brought us all to this point:  
***we offer them now to your care.***

In the love they have declared to one another you show us what it means to trust:  
***we offer them now to your care.***

Lord of the ages we bless you, for you formed us human beings  
***Lord of the ages, we bless you***

Lord of the ages, we bless you, for you cause us to rejoice in one another  
***Lord of the ages, we bless you.***

Lord of the ages, we bless you, For you give joy to bridegroom and to bride:  
***Lord of the ages, we bless you.***

May Derek and Scott, in their marriage, be upheld in your faithful love:

***Lord of all kindness, guard them.***

May your peace enfold them for ever and their home be free from all evil:

***Lord of all kindness, guard them.***

May your wisdom and understanding surround them and sustain them in sickness and in sorrow:

***Lord of all kindness, guard them.***

Give thanks to our gracious God:

***Whose mercy endures for ever.***

Derek and Scott, God the Holy Trinity bless, preserve and keep you; grant you such riches of grace that you may please God in Body and soul, live faithfully together in love, and receive the blessings of eternal life.

***Amen.***

As our Saviour Christ has commanded and taught us, we are bold to say:

***Our father,  
who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory  
for ever and ever.***

***Amen.***

## **CONCLUSION**

God of all the world,  
as you have called together Derek and Scott,  
***so we have come together in your love.***

As in your presence,  
Derek and Scott, have promised to love each other,  
***so we have promised to support them.***

As Derek and Scott have declared their love for each other,  
***may they declare your love for all the world.***